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Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Group Art Unit: 2644
Docket No.: K3281.0005/P005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yoshihiro Ono

Application No.: 09/228,894

Art Unit: 2644

Filed: January 11, 1999

Examiner: C. P. Tran

For: VOICE SWITCHING SYSTEM
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004 (Paper No. 19), finally rejecting claims 1 and 8, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

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